

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment amends Claim 10 to clarify the invention. Claims 8, 10, 11 and 17 are currently pending in the application. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants believe that all currently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 10 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by PCT Publication No. WO 02/00784 to Hao ("Hao"), with U.S. Publication No. 2003/0149152 to Hao being used as a translation of the PCT publication. The Examiner alleged that paragraph [0026] of Hao discloses a room-temperature-curing composition that includes a metal halide hydrate salt.

Claim 10 has been amended to clarify that the curable resin composition includes a Lewis acid or a complex of the Lewis acid, *the Lewis acid being a boron halide. Emphasis added.* The room-temperature-curing composition of Hao includes a metal salt hydrate, and the composition may use a wide range of metal salt hydrates, which may include metal halide hydrate salt. [0026]. None of the figures and corresponding sections of Hao, cited by the Examiner, disclose a composition that includes boron halides. Hao does not describe or suggest a curable resin composition that includes a Lewis acid, where the Lewis acid is a boron halide, as required by amended Claim 10. Accordingly, Claim 10 is patentable over Hao.

The Examiner indicated that the previous indication of allowance of Claim 10 was for the permutation of the invention where the Lewis acid component is a boron halide and that the current rejection of Claim 10 was for the permutation of the invention where the Lewis acid component is a metal halide. Since the foregoing amendment amends Claim 10 so that the Lewis acid component is only a boron halide, it is submitted that the amendment places the claim in condition for allowance and should be entered as an after final amendment.

STATUS OF CLAIM 11

Although not addressed in the current Office Action, Applicants note that Claim 11 is currently pending in the application. Claim 11 depends from Claim 10. Accordingly, for at least the same reasons discussed above, Claim 11 is patentable over Hao.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner indicated that Claims 8 and 17 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

No fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0855. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

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